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SUBJ: HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON
APPEALING FOR CONTINUED AIR SUPPORT

1. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF
A LETTER FROM THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL TO
PRESIDENT NIXON DATED 20 JUNE 1973.

2. QTE EXCELLENCY:

QTE THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL OF THE KHMER
REPUBLIC HAS THE HONOR TO MAKE KNOWN TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THE KHMER
REPUBLIC SINCE THE SIGNATURE OF THE PARIS AGREE-
MENT ON JANUARY 27 LAST, AND DRAWS YOUR HIGH
ATTENTION TO THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR THE KHMER
REPUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM THE AERIAL ASSIST-
ANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES.

QTE OUR CONCERN WAS ALREADY GREAT WHEN WE REALIZED
THAT, DESPITE THE SIGNATURE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF
27 JANUARY 1973, NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG TROOPS
NOT ONLY REFUSED TO WITHDRAW FROM KHMER TERRITORY AND
TO CEASE THEIR MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CONFORMITY WITH
ARTICLE 20 OF THE AGREEMENT, BUT ON THE CONTRARY
INTENSIFIED THEIR ACTIVITY.

QTE ACTING WITH THE " KHMER ROUGE" UNITS IT HAS
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QTE THIS OFFENSIVE, WHICH HAS BEEN MARKED BY A
POLICY OF SCORCHED EARTH, HAS RESULTED IN A HORRIBLE
SPECTACLE OF RUIN, OF SUFFERING, AND OF MOURNING IN
OUR CIVILIAN POPULATION AND AMONG OUR BUDDHIST MONKS:

QTE UNABLE TO SUFFER THESE ACTS OF TERRORISM, OUR CIVILIAN POPULATIONS, DESPITE MANY OBSTACLES, HAS NOT CEASED TO FLEE FROM ZONES INVADDED BY THE ENEMY TO TAKE REFUGE IN OUR CITIES. THUS THE CITY OF PHNOM PENH HAS GROWN BY AT LEAST A MILLION PEOPLE, WITH ALL THE WELL- KNOWN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS.

QTE THANKS TO YOUR ASSISTANCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN THE TRAINING AND EQUIPPING OF OUR MODEST ARMY , WHILE IMPROVING ITS PAY AND PERSONNEL SYSTEMS. BUT THE ENEMY OFFENSIVE HAS CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL CASUALTIES IN OUR UNITS, AND UP UNTIL NOW NOTHING SUGGESTS THAT THE ENEMY IS GOING TO RENOUNCE TO ITS CRIMINAL INTENTIONS AGAINST THE KHMER REPUBLIC.

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QTE WE ARE ALSO SENSITIVE TO THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF B-52 BOMBING, BUT THANKS TO THE GREAT CARE WITH WHICH IT IS DONE AND TO THE MINUTE SCRUTINY OF TARGETS, ACTUAL LOSSES ARE VERY LIMITED.

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QTE MOREOVER, IF OUR ARMY WITH YOUR AIR SUPPORT SHOULD SUCCEED IN MAINTAINING OR IN IMPROVING THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOPE THAT HANOI AND ITS CLIENTS WOULD REALIZE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CONQUER OUR COUNTRY BY FORCE AND THAT THEY WOULD BE BROUGHT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OUR APPEAL FOR NEGOTIATIONS AMONG KHMER.

QTE THUS IN THE COMING MONTHS YOUR AIR SUPPORT WILL BE OF PRIMORDIAL IMPORTANCE TO US IN THE SENSE THAT IT WILL ASSIST US TO DEFEND OURSELVES AND PROTECT AND KEEP THE POPULATION OF OUR CITIES AND OF THE ZONES WE CONTROL.

QTE COUNTING AS ALWAYS ON THE HIGH SUPPORT OF YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL ASKS YOU TO ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION.
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3. LETTER IS SIGNED LON NOL, CHENG HENG, SIRIK MATAK, IN TAM.

4. ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.
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